

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 317/30)

7 Sec. 30. Requirements for the installation, ~~and~~ repair,  
8 inspection, and testing of fire protection systems.

9 (a) Equipment shall be listed by a nationally recognized  
10 testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or  
11 Factory Mutual Laboratories, Inc., or shall comply with  
12 nationally accepted standards. The State Fire Marshal shall  
13 adopt by rule procedures for determining whether a laboratory  
14 is nationally recognized, taking into account the laboratory's  
15 facilities, procedures, use of nationally recognized  
16 standards, and any other criteria reasonably calculated to  
17 reach an informed determination.

18 (b) Equipment shall be installed in accordance with the  
19 applicable standards of the National Fire Protection  
20 Association and the manufacturer's specifications.

21 (c) The contractor shall furnish the user with operating  
22 instructions for all equipment installed, together with a  
23 diagram of the final installation.

24 (d) All fire sprinkler systems shall have a backflow  
25 prevention device or, in a municipality with a population over  
26 500,000, a double detector check assembly installed by a  
27 licensed plumber before the fire sprinkler system connection to  
28 the water service. Connection to the backflow prevention device  
29 or, in a municipality with a population over 500,000, a double  
30 detector assembly shall be done in a manner consistent with the  
31 Department of Public Health's Plumbing Code.

32 (e) This licensing Act is not intended to require any

1 additional fire inspections at State level.

2 (f) Inspections and testing of existing fire sprinkler  
3 systems and control equipment must be performed by a licensee  
4 or an individual employed by a licensee. Any individual who  
5 performs inspection and testing duties under this subsection  
6 (f) must possess proof of (i) NICET Certification Level II or  
7 higher in Inspection and Testing of Water Based Systems by  
8 January 1, 2009 or (ii) satisfactory completion of a certified  
9 sprinkler fitter apprenticeship program approved by the U.S.  
10 Department of Labor. State employees who perform inspections  
11 and testing on behalf of State institutions and who meet all  
12 other requirements of this subsection (f) need not be licensed  
13 under this Act or employed by a licensee under this Act in  
14 order to perform inspection and testing duties under this  
15 subsection (f). The requirements of this subsection (f) do not  
16 apply to individuals performing inspections or testing of fire  
17 sprinkler systems on behalf of a municipality, a county, a fire  
18 protection district, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal.  
19 This subsection (f) does not apply to cursory weekly and  
20 monthly inspections of gauges and control valves conducted in  
21 accordance with the standards of the National Fire Protection  
22 Association.

23 (Source: P.A. 92-871, eff. 1-3-03.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
25 becoming law.